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**Using Activated Sludge with Regulation** )  
**of Aeration** )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 25, 2006. Please note that each claim is now provided with a status identifier.

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Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated below. If any additional fees for this Amendment are required, the Office and/or Commissioner are hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 18-1167.